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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Edsel Brown, Assistant Director, Office of Innovation and Technology, Small Business Administration, 409 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20416

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Edsel Brown, Assistant Director, Office of Innovation and Technology, at (202) 205-7343, <a href="mailto:edsel.brown@sba.gov">edsel.brown@sba.gov</a>, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, <a href="mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov">curtis.rich@sba.gov</a>.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Small Business Act, as amended by the Small business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) Reauthorization Act of 2011, requires SBA to collect data on the firms that apply and awards that they have received.

SBA is required to maintain this information in searchable electronic databases and also

to report the information to Congress annually.

**Solicitation of Public Comments:** 

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary

for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are

accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of

automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection:** 

**Title:** Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology

Transfer (STTR) Tech-Net Database.

**Description of Respondents:** SBA to collect regarding the SBIR and STTR awards

made by the federal agencies

Form Number: N/A

**Total Estimated Annual Responses:** 14,205

**Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 65,627** 

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